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OHIO SLAVIC CALENDAR

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| February 25, 1979 | -OSU Russian Club Blini Party, International Student Center, 104 East 15th Ave. |
| March 2, 1979 | -Wolfgang Oeonhard lectures, "Euro-Communism," Kenyon College, 4 p.m., Biology Auditorium |
| March 2 & 3, 1979 | -"Russia," Dick Reddy, Narrator. Far Horizons Travel Series, OSU Mershon Auditorium, 8 p.m. |
| March 3, 1979 | -Ohio Undergraduate Instructors Conference |
| March 10, 1979 | -The Yale Russian Chorus is singing in concert at Ohio Wesleyan University, 8:15 p.m., tickets available from The Memorial Union Bldg. in Delaware or Dr. Larry Newman 262-0553, tickets are \$1.50 for students. |
| March 20, 1979 | -"U.S.A.-U.S.S.R.-China Policies Toward Soviet Bloc Countries," John Carroll University, Library Lecture Room, 7:30-9:00 p.m. |
| March 31, 1979 | -Festival of Russian Dance, 8 p.m., The Ohio Theatre |
| April 6, 1979 | -Symposium, "Communism and the Churches: Current Problems of Religion in the U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe," OSU Buckeye Suites, 10-5 p.m. |
| April 19-22, 1979 | -Northeast Foreign Language Conference in Washington, D.C. |
| April 19-21, 1979 | -Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages in Minneapolis. |
| April 26-27, 1979 | -Russian Symbolism Symposium, Ohio State |
| April 27, 1979 | -Annual Kentucky Foreign Language Conference at Lexington, Kentucky. |

OSU RUSSIAN SHROVETIDE PARTY ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

(615) The OSU Russian Club is putting together a traditional "Maslenitsa" party on February 25th. Maslenitsa, the equivalent of Shrovetide in the Roman Catholic countries, is the "feast before the fast" and goes back to pagan traditions. Featured at the Russian Club party will be Russian blini (yeast-raised pancakes) with sour cream, caviar and herring. Entertainment will be provided along with group singing and dancing. The party will be held at the International Student House, 104 East 15th Ave., from 7:30 p.m. on. Price for the meal and entertainment is \$3.00, and reservations need to be made through the Slavic Department office at OSU, 422-6733.

PLANS UNDERWAY TO HOLD SYMPOSIUM ON RUSSIAN SYMBOLISM APRIL 26-27

(616) OSU is currently making plans to host a two-day symposium on the music, art and literature of the Russian Symbolist movement (1890-1917) on the Ohio State campus. Several of the speakers have already agreed to come, these include: Professor Bernice Rosenthal of Fordham University who will speak on "The Spirit of Music and the Rejection of Rationalism"; Professor E.P. Gumberg-Verzhbinskaya, formerly of Leningrad University, who will discuss the art of Vrubel; John Bowlt of the University of Texas will speak on the art of Filionov and George Kalbous on "The Mythology of Fedor Sologub." The symposium is being planned by Professors Charlotte Douglas (History of Art) and Michael Curran (History)

SYMPOSIUM ON COMMUNISM AND THE CHURCHES SLATED FOR APRIL 6

(617) A symposium, "Communism and the Churches: Current Problems of Religion in the U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe" has been scheduled for Friday, April 6, at the Buckeye Suites, Ohio Union, Ohio State University. Chaired by Professors Jerry Pankhurst of the Sociology Department and James Scanlan of the Philosophy Department, this all-day symposium will focus on the tensions between the church and the governments of Eastern Europe. Featured speakers, to date, include Professor Bogdan Bociurkiw, Political Science, Carleton University and Vincent Chrypinski, Political Science, University of Windsor. Other speakers will be announced soon. The tentative schedule is:

10:00-12:00 a.m.	General Problems
1:30- 3:00 p.m.	U.S.S.R.
3:30- 5:00 p.m.	Eastern Europe

The public is invited; there is no charge for attendance.

NEW COURSE TO BE TAUGHT SPRING QUARTER, 1979

(618) Yiddish 272: Yiddish Folklore in Translation-Materials and Methods. This course will survey the various genres of Yiddish folklore-including the proverb, the joke, the folktale, and some aspects of material culture (costume, cuisine, crafts). Through critical examination of methodologies as well as of materials, we will learn about how Yiddish folklore has been collected and studied in the past, what is now being accomplished, and what should be done in the future. Through practical exercises on examples of various genres, we will gain first-hand knowledge of both methods and materials.

Please note: In the Master Schedule, this course is listed as Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1:00 to 2:00. The first class will meet in the designated time and place; but we will try to reschedule it to Tuesday and Thursday, 1:00 to 2:30.

GOGOL PLAY SCHEDULED FOR OSU

(619) OSU's second major production this quarter will be Nikolai Gogol's "The Marriage," directed by visiting professor Arne Zaslove, with designs by professors, Russell Hastings (sets), Michelle Guillot (costumes), and Toshio Ogawa (lights). "The Marriage" a wickedly funny satire on the whole ritual of courtship and marriage, has been all but ignored by theatres until just recently. Play dates are February 20-March 2 at the Thurber Theatre, Drake Union. Tickets are \$3.00.

COURSE IN ROMANIAN LITERATURE

(620) For the first time in New York, The Institute of East Central Europe in conjunction with the School of Continuing Education, Columbia University, will introduce a series of eight lectures on modern Romanian literature for Spring semester 1979.

It will be an exploration of the 19th and 20th century Romanian poetry and prose. Myths, legends and the supernatural in the writings of Eminescu Sadoveanu, Eliade and others complemented by films and slides.

Works will be available in translation.

FELLOWSHIPS, FINANCIAL AID FULBRIGHT OPPORTUNITIES

(621) Romania - International trade and finance, monetary theory, management, marketing, or econometrics. Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest. 9/79-6/80 or one semester.

Poland - Three awards at Academies of Economic Studies in Warsaw, Krakow or Poznan. Lectureship of one or two semesters possible: East/West trade, U.S. international economic policy, organization design and systems analysis, modern managerial techniques, or econometrics. Fluent or at least good conversational Polish essential. Two short-term (4-8) lectureships for senior scholars: East/West trade, analysis of current U.S. business cycles, protectionist trade theory and policy, or international capital flow. Lectures in English but knowledge of Polish helpful. 10/79-12/79 or 2/80-4/80.

Romania - One full-year lectureship or two one-semester lectureships in foreign trade and international finance, monetary theory and policy, mathematical economics or econometrics. Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest. 9/79-6/80

Yugoslavia - Research on mechanical behavior of metals, manufacturing engineering problems of treating metal by removing filings, prediction of functional abilities of machine structures. U Mostar. 9/79-6/80

Contact: Council for International Exchange of Scholars, Suite 300, Eleven Dupont Circle, Washington, D.C. 20036.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GRANTS

(622) The Ford Foundation recently announced the awarding of two grants: 2-year grant of \$30,000 to American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies for conferences and research on the Soviet Union and 2½ year grant of \$128,800 to Association for Asian Studies, New York City for scholarly research on Asia and preparation of bibliography of Asian research

LIVING LANGUAGE SEMINAR IN MOSCOW ANNOUNCED FOR SUMMER 1979

(623) The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship is sponsoring its fourth annual Living Language Seminar, to be held in the U.S.S.R. from July 2 - August 15. Total cost is \$1,895. This includes:

Orientation--Housing and meals will be provided in New York.

Transportation--Charter Bus: Hotel/Airport. Transoceanic flights will be via Aeroflot. Travel on all program excursions and trips within the USSR is also covered by the price above.

Accommodations--Students will live in a dormitory while in Moscow. Youth tourist hotels will provide accommodations in other cities.

Meals--Three full meals a day will be provided at a student cafeteria in Moscow. Meals will be served at hotels and restaurants while traveling.

Seminar--All tuition costs are covered.

Tickets--All theatre tickets and other entrance fees for program activities are included in the cost above.

Visas--Visa application blanks will be sent out with acceptance notices.

NCASF will secure visas at the Consulate of the USSR in Wash., D.C.

For an application and further correspondence, write to: Program Coordinator, Foreign Study Division, National Council for American-Soviet Friendship, 156 Fifth Avenue, Suite 304, New York, New York 10010; Telephone: (212) 989-6677.

Completed applications are due not later than March 16, 1979. Applicants will be notified of decisions by April 2, 1979.

TWO NBC FILMS, KREMLIN AND LENINGRAD AVAILABLE AT OSU SLAVIC CENTER

(624) The OSU Slavic Center has acquired two NBC-made films, "The Kremlin" and "Leningrad". These two films, both in color, recreate some of the historical moments of these two Russian locations through on-location photography and paintings. They are excellent teaching vehicles for both Russian culture and history. For further information contact Dolores Brzycki at 614-422-6864.

A NEW APPROACH TO VOCATIONAL PLANNING FOR RUSSIAN MAJORS

(625) During the past three weeks, 10 of OSU's Russian majors participated in a unique vocational counseling workshop. Traditionally, language majors are told that they can get jobs using their linguistic skills in teaching, government service and translating. In this workshop, the message was different: Russian majors can compete in the business market for virtually any professional position if they sell themselves as generalists who are intelligent capable of solving problems and have a history of taking initiatives. The fact that they know Russian demonstrates their abilities to learn a difficult language and may, sometime in the future, help advance their careers.

The workshop was divided into three sessions: 1) Ability assessment, 2) interviewing techniques and resume preparation, and 3) the status of international trade in Ohio. Guest speakers included Mr. Glover Shearron, General Manager, Personnel Division of the City National Bank, and Mr. Zuhier Sophia, Senior Vice President, International Division, The Huntington Bank.

A NEW APPROACH TO VOCATIONAL PLANNING FOR RUSSIAN MAJORS (CONT.)

The consensus of the visitors was: Russian alone will not "make it" in getting a job, but Russian together with a few "business skill" courses (such as accounting, finance, economics--not necessarily a major) could create an extremely attractive job prospect out of a graduating senior. Knowing Russian, moreover, could give a candidate a significant competitive "edge", especially if the company is engaged in international (but not necessarily Soviet) trade.

The workshop was run jointly by Dr. George Kalbouss of the Slavic Department and Mr. Ken Keeley of OSU's Arts and Sciences Counseling office.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

(626) The Soviet Lawyer and His System by George Dana Cameron III.

Professor Cameron discusses at length the limitations placed on lawyers' activities throughout the Soviet period by the negative ideological context in which they have had to operate. Yet he maintains that the current legal climate in Soviet Russia represents a marked improvement over conditions twenty years ago. "All the evidence of my investigations," he says, "forces me to recognize the reality of Soviet law, and points to an improved status for the Soviet lawyer." Cameron concludes that although "there are certain areas where extralegal, political considerations still predominate," the Soviet lawyers have, to a remarkable degree, achieved a "basic recognition of their legitimate function."

In the course of his evaluation Professor Cameron examines and compares the extent of the coverage of legal topics over the past twenty-five years in Pravda and Izvestia, the two leading periodicals in the USSR. He also surveys post-1945 Western literature as well as Soviet legal literature, much of which has not been indexed previously. The full documentation and bibliography as well as suggested methods for further research make this book an invaluable reference for all those interested in the current state of the Soviet legal system.

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MIDWEST MLA CONFERENCE CALL FOR PAPERS

(627) The Midwest MLA Conference is scheduled for November 8-10 at the Hyatt Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana. Chairing the Slavic sections are: (For Russian) Professor Thomas Marullo, Department of Russian, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana 46656 and (Other than Russian) Professor Jerry R. Rank, English Department, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia 30322.

Deadline for submission of papers is April 15, 1979.

YMCA-CYO EXCHANGE ANNOUNCED

(628) This is the fifth year of the YMCA-CYO counselor exchange. Young Pioneer camp, location to be announced; serve as co-counselor with group of campers; age 8-16. Red Cross or YMCA WSI certificate and experience in aquatics, ecology, songs, games, drama, American handicrafts.

Approximately July 10 - August 10. Two weeks as counselor.
Remuneration: room/board, plus a week of educational travel in Moscow and Leningrad following camp. YMCA camping experience and Russian language preferred. Some scholarship help available.

For further information contact: International Camp Counselor Program/Abroad, 291 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10007; telephone: (212) 374-2097,8.